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1. Soviet troops conducted maneuvers in the area east of GADEBUSCH (M 54/T 27), i.e. in the MUEHLEN-EICHSEN (M 54/T 37) - VIETLUBBE (M 54/T 27) - DRAGUN (M 54/T 37) - DRIEBERG (M 54/T 37) area.
2. The identity of all civilians in that area was thoroughly checked.
3. The practicing troops bivouacked in many 12-man tents.
4. Marching troops were armed with carbines, submachine guns and antitank rifles.
5. Numerous motor vehicles were parked in a patch of woods near SCHOLLENFELD (M 54/T 37).
6. Local residents stated that heavy guns were also parked in the woods in the training area.
7. The following observations were made:

a. (1) Tank exercises on Vietluebber Lake (lasting for about 90 minutes): Numerous T 34 tanks and eight amphibious tanks launched an attack against an imaginary enemy on Vietluebber Lake.

(2) Under the supporting fire of the T 34 tanks standing on the northern shore of the lake, the amphibious tanks moved into the lake. Before entering the water, the amphibious tanks were observed to open the rear armor to both sides and extend a three-foot shaft with a propeller mounted on its end. The amphibious tanks submerged up to about two thirds of their height. Each tank was mounted by ten to twelve fully equipped soldiers, carrying small arms and machine guns.

(3) The amphibious tanks were fired at from the northwestern shore of the lake by antitank guns of about 47 mm caliber, light guns and machine guns mounted on three-axle armored personnel carriers, armored reconnaissance cars and 20-mm antiaircraft guns mounted on trucks.

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Comment:

a. Component units of both the 94th Sos. Atz Rifle Div and the 18th Mecz Div held field exercises in the GADLEUSCH training area in 1948.

b. The same units and probably also Hq units of the Third Shock Army participated in the field exercises observed in the area east of GADLEUSCH in early September 1949.

c. No information is available on the strength of the practicing troops and the duration of the maneuvers.

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